



TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT January 5, 2014

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TOWN COMMITTEES

Currently there are openings on the following (1) Conservation Commission, (1) Council on Aging Board, (1) Parks and Recreation, (2) Historical Commission, and (2) Zoning Board of Appeals. These are listed on the Town's website under Volunteer Opportunities.

FY 16 BUDGET

Have received all department budgets and have generated expected revenues. FY 16 will be different in that with a new Governor, he will be allowed an additional 5 weeks to submit his budget this means we may not see needed revenue numbers until the March 5th time frame.

My plan is to do department reviews the first two weeks of January and look to set up a joint meeting with the Advisory Board possibly at the February 2nd Board of Selectmen meeting or during that week.

CABLE CONTRACT

We are in the final stages of negotiations with Comcast, the Board, at its December 29th meeting voted a Preliminary Denial.

FIRE UNION

Next meeting for Negotiations will continue on the 7th of this month.

MIIA

I will attend the MMA conference the 22-24 of January and need the Board to vote to authorize me as the "voting delegate" to vote on behalf of the Board at the MIIA annual meeting on the 23rd of January.

CDBG

After discussions with Kevin Flynn, it was determined that due to the timing of the grant proposal and the quality of the application it would be best to hold off until next years round of funding.

GREEN COMMUNITY

The energy committee is working to put together our initial proposal for spending the grant by January 15th. This request will be mostly for the Library since its energy audit has been complete. Supplemental projects will be added once the other buildings have been audited, which hopefully will be done in January.

NAUKEAG HOSPITAL

As of December 17, 2014 the Town through tax taking is the owner of Naukeag Hospital. I have contacted MIIA to have the facility set up for Liability Insurance and there will be a 30 day evacuation order sent to the inhabitants. Paul Pollastri is monitoring different options for the owner who has up to 12 months to reclaim the property by paying past due taxes and fees.